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Mechanization of railroad track maintenance will be increased from 5 percent in 1949 to 57 percent during the Five-Year Plan. Extensive standardization of the rolling stock will be carried out to facilitate repair work.

Electrification will be continued throughout the busiest sectors of the railroad network. By the end of the Five-Year Plan, the length of the electrified lines will be 150 percent greater than in 1949.

As a step toward modernizing the locomotive stock, automatic firing systems will be installed on an experimental basis in ten steam locomotives. The number of freight-cars will be increased substantially, and by the end of the Five-Year Plan the number of four-axle passenger cars will be increased by 50 percent over 1949.

The speed of express trains will be increased from the 1949 average of 46.9 kilometers per hour to 52.5 kilometers per hour. The average speeds of passenger trains and freight trains will be increased to 35 kilometers per hour and 20 kilometers per hour, respectively, over the 1949 average of 27.5 kilometers per hour and 12.1 kilometers per hour.

As a result of improved technique, the time spent in repairing rolling stock will be reduced by at least 30 percent during the Five-Year Plan.

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